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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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PROMPT ACTION PLEASE

September 25, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt

SUBJECT: US-USSR Environmental Agreement -- Train
Meeting with President

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VIA CAS

Russ Train's environmental talks in Moscow went well. On Thursday, September 21, he and his Soviet counterpart signed a memorandum of understanding providing for the implementation of several cooperative projects. He is currently touring various environmental sites of interest in the USSR and will be returning to the United States October 4.

John Whitaker will soon be submitting a schedule proposal to the President recommending that he meet with Train and, possibly, the Sierra Club and National Wildlife members of the U.S. Delegation. Whitaker also wishes to recommend that the President agree to have Ambassador Dobrynin participate in this meeting, believing that Dobrynin's participation will have good domestic impact. However, he wants to be sure that you approve of Dobrynin's participation before he so recommends in the schedule proposal.

The President will just have concluded his meetings and dinner with Gromyko, which will draw wide publicity in the US (and world) press. Viewed alone, the proposed involvement of Dobrynin in the environmental meeting does not pose a problem. However, there is a question as to how frequently the President wants to have "Soviet-contact publicity."

May I please have your guidance on this as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

That you indicate whether or not Whitaker should recommend Dobrynin's involvement in a possible Presidential meeting with Russ Train in early October.

Yes, OK for Dobrynin to participate _____

No, No Dobrynin involvement _____ *(checkmark)*

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(NOTE: I personally think that Russ ought to let the President have a bit more of the action and the credit on this whole thing. All the reports out of Moscow on his mission had the flavor of the President having done a little advancing for Train in May and now we have the main act.)

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